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In response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Action mailed on September 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, setting a two (2) month deadline for response, applicants submit herewith:

- a substitute Sequence Listing in paper form;
- a substitute Sequence Listing in computer readable format (CRF);
- the required statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821, and the following amendments to the specification and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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